

I am happy to honor Mary Jane Arrington, during Women's History Month, for her dedication to the Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE LEADERSHIP AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF
DONNA SINES

Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Donna Sines, Executive Director and Founder of Community Vision. After a stint in banking, Donna dedicated her life to helping Osceola County, Florida. As Executive Vice President of the Kissimmee/Osceola County Chamber of Commerce, she worked to redevelop Downtown Kissimmee, transforming it from a troubled area into a point of pride for the city.

She also launched Leadership Osceola County (LOC) which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. LOC has educated and inspired more than 1200 graduates to contribute to the betterment of their community and make holistic decisions regarding community wellbeing. LOC has hosted programs spanning the spectrum from middle-school kids and teens to senior citizens. Donna was twice recognized by the late Florida Governor Lawton Chiles for programs and projects she oversaw. She also led the effort to restore the Historic Kissimmee train station, the first volunteer project of its kind in Osceola County. A number of community playground builds in economically challenged areas can also be credited to Donna.

In 1995, Donna left the Chamber to start a grass-roots, non-profit organization called Community Vision. Working out of her living room, Donna worked to unite her community in a shared vision. Thousands from all walks of life participated and a movement was born. In 2004, when four hurricanes ravaged Osceola County, including Community Vision's office and her home, Donna oversaw an "unmet needs committee" which raised \$750,000 to help residents restore their homes and lives. Community Vision utilizes a collective impact model in addressing issues. It functions as the umbrella organization bringing the public, private and independent sectors together to develop innovative solutions to complex, systemic problems confronting the Osceola community. Donna's impact can be felt throughout Osceola County. She secures financial resources and volunteer support to take on the impossible.

Donna's touch is most felt when addressing those community issues that affect our most vulnerable and at-risk residents. She secured a \$1.3 million federal grant to provide free primary healthcare to the un- and underinsured through the Mobile Medical Express initiative. Beginning with the Mobile Medical Express, the community developed a secondary care network which includes two free clinics.

Most recently, Donna has focused her efforts on the plight of the homeless. Community Vision offers intensive, career-readiness initiatives to put folks back on payrolls and families on the road to self-sufficiency. Community Vision also has an employment coach for the long-term unemployed and a full time Impact Homelessness Director.

It is her selfless spirit, love of community and "can do" attitude that drives Donna to address those tough challenges and makes her a valued community treasure.

Donna touts her greatest accomplishment as raising and educating her son Derrick, who exemplifies success as a father, husband and bread winner. She is also blessed with beau-

tiful and smart grandchildren, Connor and Kendall, who brighten her world with their love.

I am happy to honor Donna Sines, during Women's History Month, for her many contributions to the Osceola County community.

JOCELIN ALONSO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jocelin Alonso for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jocelin Alonso is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jocelin Alonso is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jocelin Alonso for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING FULL SAIL
UNIVERSITY

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Full Sail University on the occasion of its 35th anniversary. Since its founding in 1979, Full Sail's vision has been to help creative students pursue their dreams in the entertainment industry.

When Full Sail first opened its doors 35 years ago, it aimed to couple traditional classroom work with career-specific development as well as training in real world production studios to propel students into the sound and music industry. As its students' dreams and passions grew, so did the university. Full Sail quickly evolved and now offers 44 unique degrees including animation, games, web design and film. In 2013, Full Sail earned a top ten spot on StudentAdvisors.com's list of "Top 100 Social Media Colleges."

Full Sail University boasts over 42,000 graduates, and is currently providing its 17,000 students with an innovative education to help achieve their goals. Graduates have continued on to companies such as Disney, ESPN and HBO Studios.

I am pleased to recognize Full Sail for its dedication to equipping students for fulfilling careers, and I thank the University for continuing to bolster the educations and passions of future generations.

HONORING MR. DAN KIMBALL

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Dan Kimball, and to congratulate him on his retirement. Mr. Kimball is an outstanding individual who has served as the Superintendent of Everglades and Dry Tortugas National Parks.

A 27-year veteran of the National Park Service, Mr. Kimball has previously served as Chief of the NPS Water Resources Division. In this capacity he successfully led efforts to settle national park water resources, specifically in the western United States in parks such as Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks. Mr. Kimball has also served as Assistant to the National Park Service Deputy Director in Washington, DC, Incident Commander representing the U.S. Department of the Interior, and at the Florida Peninsula Command Post in response to the Deepwater Horizon/BP Oil Spill.

Throughout his career, Mr. Kimball has been recognized for his exceptional work. His vast array of awards includes the Department of the Interior's Superior Service Award, the Pacific Northwest Regional Director's Award for Professional Excellence in Natural Resources, the Southeast Region's Superintendent of the Year Award, the President Rank Award—Meritorious Executive, and the American Recreation Coalition's Legends Award.

Having known Mr. Kimball for a number of years, I know that he has consistently demonstrated the highest degree of integrity, character, and professionalism. He has been dedicated to his career and has worked tirelessly for the protection of our environment and, more specifically for Florida, the preservation of the Everglades. The state of Florida and the nation as a whole have truly been lucky to have such an exceptional individual heading our national parks. Beyond that, over the years I have had the privilege of getting to know Dan on a personal level, and am honored to now call him my friend. I wish nothing but the best for Dan, his wife Kit and their son, and again congratulate him on his retirement.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Dan Kimball for his tremendous service to Florida, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL TOP 10 AWARDS CEREMONY OF THE GREATER DETROIT CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Greater Detroit Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) as its members gather for the Twentieth Annual Top 10 Awards Ceremony. The Top 10 Awards provides the Greater Detroit Chapter of NAWBO

with an opportunity to recognize women business owners and executives for their outstanding endeavors to expand the influence of women in business.

Chartered in 1980, the Greater Detroit Chapter of NAWBO was founded to further the mission of its national organization in Southeast Michigan region; to expand the access of women to the top echelons of decision-making in social, economic and political endeavors around the world. To execute this mission, the members of NAWBO, both in Detroit and across the country, engaged in an exchange of knowledge and experiences that allowed them to develop and hone their entrepreneurial skills. Specifically, NAWBO sponsors programming that is designed to strengthen the capacity of its members to promote economic development, create innovative and effective change in business culture, build strategic partnerships and influence public policy discussions.

To support these goals and its mission, the Greater Detroit Chapter of NAWBO hosts a number of events like Entrepreneur-YOU, which provides women entrepreneurs with a workshop to support the development of critical skills for creating and running a business; expos that allow members and the community at-large with a chance to build their social and business networks; and the Circle of Learning, which allows members to directly interact with each other in an effort to strengthen their brand, work culture and performance.

The Top 10 Awards allows NAWBO to recognize leading women in business from Southeast Michigan, whose work is expanding the opportunities for women, to be recognized by their peers for their commitment, their vision and, most importantly, their excellence. I am pleased to congratulate this year's winners: Barabara Whittaker, Suzanne Bobbitt, Eva Scurlock, Mary Buchzeiger, Ann Reinman, Jmai Moore, Pamela Smith, Mashell Carissimi, Mary Ann Lievois, Carla Walker-Miller and Shirley R. Stancato, on the remarkable impact they are making on the Greater Detroit community.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate National Women's History Month and reflect upon the remarkable impact women have made on our country, I am honored to recognize the Greater Detroit Chapter of NAWBO and this year's Top 10 Awards winners for the work they are doing to expand opportunities for women in business. For the last thirty-four years, the members of NAWBO in Southeast Michigan have been at the forefront of supporting women in business and I wish them continued success in their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 86 (Cummings Amendment), rollcall No. 87 (Connolly Amendment), rollcall No. 88 (Jackson Lee Amendment) and rollcall No. 89 (Motion to Recommit), which took place Friday, February 28, 2014; I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 90 (Final Passage of H.R. 899), I would have voted "aye."

JULIE VILLEGAS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Julie Villegas for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Julie Villegas is a 12th grader at Standley Lake High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Julie Villegas is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Julie Villegas for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

CONDEMNING VIOLATION OF UKRAINIAN SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE, AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 499, a resolution condemning the violation of Ukrainian sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity by military forces of the Russian Federation.

This resolution is a loud, strong message from this body, the House of Representatives, the People's House, that the people of the United States stand firmly behind the people of Ukraine in their mission to maintain their independence, free from Russian aggression.

Our friends in the world must always have full assurance that we are with them, that our resolve is unshakeable, and that nothing will intimidate us.

This resolution lays out what our game plan looks like as we take concrete steps to back our friends in Ukraine. I want to focus on one key part of this plan: achieving energy independence for Ukraine and the region.

For too long Russia has used the threat of manipulating energy prices and supplies to impose economic and political pressure on Ukraine and other countries. This has got to stop.

We can provide a reliable source of energy to our partners in Europe. Congress is ready to do its part. However, the Obama administration needs to speed up the permit approval process to get liquid natural gas flowing to our friends in Europe, approve the Keystone XL pipeline, and take other pro-American, pro-growth, pro-energy actions. There is truly no better time than now.

We can hit Vladimir Putin where it hurts—in the wallet. We can strengthen Ukraine's hand

in the short run and sell them the fuel they need for the long haul. We can create jobs for American workers—good, meaningful jobs. It just makes sense.

I urge support for H. Res. 499.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,495,622,444,209.79. We've added \$6,868,745,395,296.71 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNITION OF SAM SIMON AND THE ACTUAL DANCE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Samuel A. Simon on the success of his important one man performance, The Actual Dance. By creating and performing this moving and evocative show, Sam has helped to increase awareness about the lesser-known experience of spouses who have lost loved ones to breast cancer, a cruel and devastating disease that continues to affect far too many Americans.

Mr. Simon, a resident of Fairfax County, Virginia, and a close family friend, was inspired to create his one man show when his wife, Susan, was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2000. Sam used his family's personal struggle as a source of inspiration to create a one man drama, so that he could educate and mobilize audiences across the country. He first told the story of his spiritual journey at the 2013 Capital Fringe Festival, right here in Washington, DC. Since then he has performed across the Mid-Atlantic and in New York City, where his performance has earned the praise of audiences and critics alike. He was honored with the 2013 Northern Virginia Theater Alliance Award for Best Production of an Original Play, as well as Best Overall Production. The NVTA also nominated Sam for Best Actor, and in New York, the Midtown International Theatre Festival nominated Sam for Best Playwright.

Clearly, Mr. Simon's show is an artistic success. But more than that, by sharing his family's personal experience with breast cancer, Sam has given voice to Americans all across the country who have battled this disease: mothers, sisters, spouses, even Members of Congress. In my home state of Virginia, the number of women diagnosed each year now tops 6,200. Advocates like Sam Simon, who are willing to share their experience and strength, give hope to all the families that suffer because of this terrible disease. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to recognize